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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL TO TICKET AGGRESSIVE CARS AND TRUCKS

~ Big trucks equal big blind spots, so pass safely ~

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – When driving on the highway, motorists are at a serious disadvantage if involved in a crash with a larger vehicle. The Florida Highway Patrol announced today at a news conference in Jacksonville the third and final phase of *Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks*.



“In order to keep you and your family safe when driving around large trucks, motorists should be extra cautious. Sharing the road with larger vehicles can be dangerous if you are not aware of their limitations,” said FHP Director Col. David Brierton. “We are pleased to partner with the Florida Trucking Association on *Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks* to save lives on Florida’s roadways.”

On May 4 -11, troopers statewide will be on the lookout for car and truck drivers who commit violations attributed to aggressive driving such as: following too closely, unsafe lane change and speeding.

In addition to targeted enforcement, the campaign will use billboard and radio messaging to increase awareness among car and truck drivers of safe driving behaviors around one another and of the heightened risk of receiving a ticket for a violation. FHP and the Florida Trucking Association will conduct activities at schools and community centers around the state to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with trucks.

FTA President and CEO, Mary Lou Rajchel, said, “Safety on Florida’s roadways is a cooperative effort by cars and trucks alike. As an industry, safety is at the top of our minds—it matters above all else. We are pleased with the opportunity to take our *No Zone* message about safe driving behaviors around big rigs on the road with the Florida Highway Patrol. Pairing the ‘big trucks equal big blind spots’ message with the opportunity to ‘see what our drivers see’ through community education is a unique approach that we believe will promote responsible driving for everyone.”

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov or follow us on Twitter @FDHSMV. You can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV), too.

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